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Aman Reminds Residents About Home Heating Assistance from the State



HARTFORD – State Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor) today issued a reminder to Connecticut residents about the availability of programs from the state that assist with home heating bills, and the costs associated with tuning up current home heating equipment.

Households can save money on home weatherization improvements under new legislation enacted to assist those making such changes at a time when home heating costs are expected to reach record highs. The expanded Home Energy Assistance and Reimbursements for Tune-ups on Heating Equipment (HEARTH) grant program for the 2005-06 fiscal year will reimburse up to \$50 per household to eligible contractors that provide home heating equipment tune-ups and install or provide water heater blankets, window film or programmable thermostats.

This program will assist people from households that do not qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) which helps low-income households pay their heating bills. Households not meeting the CEAP criteria should apply to the Office of Policy and Management for a certificate that enables them to take advantage of the benefit. A homeowner must provide the certificate to contractors making the performing the work to enable them to get reimbursement from OPM.

“These are a great couple of programs that will help people keep warm and save money over the cold months,” said Representative Aman. “I hope that people will take advantage of these programs that have been established to help them.”

CEAP eligible households should call DSS at 1-800-842-1132 for information on that benefit. All other households should call OPM at 860-418-6200, or toll free at 1-800-286-2214.